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1. AS REPORTED REFTELS A STRONG ANTI-EMIGRATION, ANTI-WEST CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS IN ROMANIA PRESS, RADIO AND TV SINCE MARCH 28. CAMPAIGN, WHICH WE VIEW IN CONTEXT OF ROMANIAN PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER, HAS HAD SEVERAL MAJOR THEMES: ANTI-EMIGRATION IN GENERAL BUT ESPECIALLY ANTI-GERMAN EMIGRATION; ANTI-NEOFASCISM IN THE WEST (INCLUDING THE U.S., FRG, FRANCE); CRITICISM OF WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, VIOLENT CRIME, RACISM, DRUG ADDICTION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR CAUSING BRAIN DRAIN FROM IDC'S. AND IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM (ESPECIALLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY RFE) FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ROMANIA.

2. WHILE MANY OF THE CITED PROBLEMS EXIST, THEIR DEPICTION IN THE ROMANIAN MEDIA CAMPAIGN IS BOTH OUT OF CONTEXT AND OUT OF PROPORTION TO THEIR IMPORTANCE. WE SUGGEST THAT GWA PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THESE SUBJECTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, PRODUCING FEATURES, ESPECIALLY INDEPTH ANALYSES, OF WHAT THE U.S. AND POSSIBLY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, ARE DOING ABOUT SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THERE IS NO POINT IN POLEMICAL ARGUMENTS WITH THE ROMANIAN PRESS NOR IN ANSWERING SPECIFIC CHARGES SO AS TO ESCALATE A "WAR OF WORDS". RATHER WE PROPOSE COMMENTARIES STRESSING ACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS AND STATISTICS WITH THE INTENT OF DESCRIBING THESE PROBLEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF GOVERNMENT AND PROVATE EFFORTS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM. AS AN EXAMPLE, WE HAVE IN MIND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO STEM UNEMPLOYMENT AND INFLATION, FEATURES ON THE NEWLY CREATED PRESIDENTIA L

3. WOULD APPRECIATE VOA REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING SOME INDICATION OF PROGRAMMING PLANS. BARNES

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